

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1155

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Misty Briggs on her selection as 2008-2008 Teacher of the Year at Prescott Central Middle School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Misty Briggs is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Briggs has recently been selected 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year by Prescott Central Middle School for the second year in a row, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; her teaching was also recognized in November of 2005, when she was named Teacher of the Month at Prescott Central, and when she was listed in *Who's Who Among Teachers* in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Misty Briggs received her bachelor's degree in multidisciplinary studies for grades one through eight and her master's degree in instructional leadership from Tennessee Technological University; she also obtained her administrator's license in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Briggs has served with acumen and alacrity as a sixth-grade teacher for seven years, in which position she has taught math, language, social studies, reading, and science; and

WHEREAS, Misty Briggs is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Misty Briggs is an active and highly regarded member of her profession, participating in the Professional Educators of Tennessee, to which she rendered astute service

as Treasurer of the Putnam County Professional Educators of Tennessee between 2003-2007 and as its President since 2007; and

WHEREAS, she has coordinated and taught a math in-service at the STAR Center, was the coordinator for sixth-grade language teachers at Prescott Central Middle School, served as a mentor teacher to first-year teachers, organized a teacher program for the school's talent show, and is Chairperson of the social committee at Prescott; and

WHEREAS, despite her busy schedule, Ms. Briggs still finds time to donate her time and incredible talents to teaching Sunday school and Vacation Bible School at her church; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Briggs truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Misty Briggs truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Misty Briggs on being chosen as 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year at Prescott Central Middle School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.